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RAJYA SABHA

**Construction of toilets**

1293. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of toilets proposed to be constructed throughout the country during 2000-2001;

(b) how many of them are in Karnataka out of these;

(c) the amount of subsidy released to Karnataka for this purpose;

(d) whether the subsidy amount has been reduced to Rs. 375/- per toilet in Karnataka;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) whether Karnataka Government has requested to increase the subsidy amount to complete the toilets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) The Central Rural Sanitation Programme has been restructured w.e.f. 1-4-99. Under the Restructured Programme, Total Sanitation Campaign is being implemented in a project mode. It is also demand driven. The allocation based programme is being phased out during the Ninth Plan period. As such there are not targets fixed annually. However, construction of individual household latrines, construction of women complexes, School Sanitation etc. are the major components of the sanctioned projects under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC). As on date more than 52 lakhs individual household toilets are proposed to be constructed in the identified pilot districts throughout the country.

(b) In the State of Karnataka three districts, namely, Bellary, Mysore and Mangalore have been identified as a pilot districts wherein Total Sanitation Campaign is being implemented. As per the sanctioned project proposals, the total number of individual household latrines for the BPL family proposed for construction in these three districts come to 1.87 lakhs.

(c) Rs. 5.36 crores has been released to the Karnataka for the projects of Total Sanitation Campaign.

(d) to (f) As per the Financial Sharing Pattern mentioned in the Guidelines of the Restructured Central Rural Sanitation Programme, the Central share comes to Rs. 375/- per unit. However, in view of the representations received from Government of Karnataka and others regarding increase in subsidy it has been decided that the Government of India will have no objection if additional amount is spent by the beneficiary of the State Government on the construction of super structure and/or of one extra pit.